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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

- Response; 1.
- Substitute Specification; 2.
- Red-lined copy of Substitute Specification; 3.
- Copy of Preliminary Amendment filed in parent application on February 14, 1992; 4.
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